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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEL AVIV 5082

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: LE, IS, MOPS, PBOR, XF  
SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON: GOI POSITION ON WITHDRAWAL  
1. FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR GENERAL EVRON  
INVITED AMBASSADORS FROM ALL STATES WHO ARE MEMBERS OF  
THE SECURITY COUNCIL OR WHO ARE ACTUAL OR POTENTIAL TROOP  
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CONTRIBUTORS TO UNIFIL TO ATTEND A BRIEFING AT THE  
FOREIGN MINISTRY APRIL 17. HE READ TO THE ASSEMBLED GROUP  
THE TEXT OF DAYAN'S LETTER TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL  
CONCERNING UNIFIL DATED APRIL 14, 1978. HE THEN ELABORATED  
ON THE ISRAELI POSITION, STRESSING ISRAEL'S VIEW THAT  
UNIFIL IS OBLIGATED TO PREVENT THE RETURN OF ARMED PLO  
UNITS OR FIGHTERS TO THE AREA UNDER ITS CONTROL. HE

REFERRED TO A STATEMENT MADE BY ARAFAT PUBLICLY IN LONDON ON MARCH 31 IN WHICH HE CITED THE CAIRO AND SHTAURA AGREEMENTS AS GIVING THE PLO THE RIGHT TO RETURN TO SOUTHERN LEBANON, AND MADE CLEAR THAT THE GOI RECOGNIZED NO SUCH RIGHT AND WOULD RELY ON UNIFIL UNDER ITS MANDATE IN SC 426 TO PREVENT THIS OCCURRING.

2. EVRON SAID THAT DEFENSE MINISTER WEIZMAN WILL BE DISCUSSING LATER TODAY WITH SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM THE UN PROPOSAL THAT THE GOI SET APRIL 30 AS AN ABSOLUTE TARGET FOR FINAL WITHDRAWAL. HE SAID THAT THE GOI POSITION ON THIS MATTER IS THAT ISRAEL IS READY TO WITHDRAW COMPLETELY AS SOON AS THE UN FORCES ARE FULLY DEPLOYED AND AS SOON AS THEY ARE "READY TO ASSUME THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AND TO IMPLEMENT THEIR MANDATE." HE ALSO SAID THERE WOULD BE A FURTHER MEETING BETWEEN SIILASVUO AND WEIZMAN ON THURSDAY TO COORDINATE FURTHER PHASES OF THE WITHDRAWAL SCHEDULE.

3. INTERESTINGLY, NONE OF THE ASSEMBLED DIPLOMATS ASKED ANY QUESTIONS.  
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